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B. FIELDS SEARCHED Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols) IPC 7 A61L B01J A61K F16J		
Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched		
Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used) EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ		
C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
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X,P	WO 03/070285 A (BHATARAH PARVEEN ; GREENWOOD ALAN KENNETH (GB); RESOLUTION CHEMICALS L) 28 August 2003 (2003-08-28) cited in the application page 7, line 4 - page 8, line 13 page 9, line 25 - page 10, line 20; claims 19,20,24-28,74; examples 1-3 ----- -/--	1,2,5-7, 9
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1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
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because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
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because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1,2,5,6,7,9

Method and apparatus for producing a comminuted suspension of particles

2. claims: 3,12,30-42

High-pressure seal, particle size reduction apparatus containing the same and method of use of said apparatus

3. claims: 4(part),43-52,63(part)

Method of sterilising a particle size reduction apparatus by using steam, and methods of preparing a particle suspension comprising the same

4. claims: 4(part),53-61,63(part)

Method of sterilising a particle size reduction apparatus by using superheated water, and methods of preparing a particle suspension comprising the same

5. claims: 8,67

Nebule containing a sterile suspension

6. claims: 10,11,14-19

Particle size reduction apparatus

7. claims: 13,20-29

Bushing assembly and particle size reduction apparatus comprising the same

8. claims: 62,64-66

Method of preparing a sterile suspension

9. claims: 68-83

Seal retractor, methods of positioning a seal into a bore and removing a seal from a bore, and method of validating the sterility of a bore by using said retractor

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